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SUBJECT: MEETING WITH CANADIAN GOVERNMENT ON URANIUM

FOR ASSISTANT SECRETARY KATZ

1. AS YOU KNOW, FOLLOWING PRIME MINISTER TRUDEAU'S COMPLAINT TO PRESIDENT CARTER IN EARLY SEPTEMBER OVER JUDGE BELL'S SPEECH CRITICIZING LACK OF CANADIAN COOPERATION WITH DOJ'S URANIUM ANTITRUST INVESTIGATION, THE OFFER WAS MADE TO MEET WITH GOC TO TRY TO CLEAR THE AIR AND DEVELOP CLOSER COORDINATION AND COOPERATION. CANADIAN EMBASSY HAS NOW FINALLY AGREED TO US PROPOSAL FOR A MEETING, THAT WOULD TAKE PLACE IN OTTAWA.

2. IT HAS BEEN REQUESTED THAT THE MEETING TAKE PLACE SOON. JUSTICE HAS PROPOSED OCTOBER 26 27 OR THE WEEK OF NOVEMBER

7. GIVEN THE BRITISH BILATERAL DISCUSSIONS SCHEDULED FOR
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OCTOBER 31 AND NOVEMBER 1 WE FAVOR THE LATER DATE OR AN ALTERNATE TIME IN NOVEMBER.

3. CANADA IS ANXIOUS TO KEEP THE TALKS IN THE QUOTE POLITICAL CHANNEL UNQUOTE. BECAUSE THE ISSUES ARE SENSITIVE THEY CAN PROBABLY BEST BE MANAGED IF WE CONTINUE TO CONSIDER THEM IN THE BROAD CONTEXT OF US-CANADIAN RELATIONS.

4. THE CANADIAN TEAM WILL BE HEADED BY DON MC PHAIL, ASSISTANT UNDERSECRETARY OF STATE IN EXTERNAL AFFAIRS FOR ECONOMIC MATTERS. MC PHAIL IS YOUR CANADIAN COUNTERPART; AND IN VIEW OF YOUR INTEREST AND PAST WORK WITH THE ISSUE, YOU MAY WISH TO HEAD THE U.S. SIDE. IF YOU ARE NOT AVAILABLE, YOU MAY WISH TO ASK CHARLES MEISSNER TO HEAD THE U.S. TEAM.

5. OTHER MEMBERS OF THE CANADIAN TEAM WILL BE DRAWN FROM JUSTICE; THE PRIVY COUNCIL; ENERGY, MINES AND RESOURCES; AND PRESUMABLY CONSUMER AND CORPORATE AFFAIRS. ON OUR SIDE, ROSENTHAL IN DOJ WOULD PROBABLY PARTICIPATE AND WE WOULD EXPECT ALSO TO INCLUDE PARTICIPANTS FROM EB, L/EB, AND EUR/CAN.

6. IN VIEW OF THE CANADIAN INTEREST IN HAVING AN EARLY ANSWER IT WOULD BE HELPFUL TO HAVE YOUR PRELIMINARY THOUGHTS BEFORE YOU RETURN. VANCE

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